

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully Requests either:

- (1) that a new Office Action be issued that considers withdrawn claims 29-34 and 36-37 in addition to claims 17-28; or
- (2) that the finality of the Office Action mailed November 1, 2006, be withdrawn and a proper Restriction Requirement be issued in a NON-FINAL Action in accordance with 37 CFR 1.142(a) and MPEP 808 that includes a showing that a serious burden would be placed on the Examiner if claims 17-28 and 36-37 are examined in addition to claims 17-28.

Respectfully submitted,



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